

Indiana Land Resources Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 26, 2004

Location: Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture

Members Present:

Joe Pearson
Bob Guernsey
David Hess
Eric Damian Kelly
Mary McConnell
Riely O'Connor
Sam Smith

Members Absent:

Matt McKillip
Don Strietelmeier

OCA Staff:

Darren Jaynes
Joe Tutterrow

Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture Joe Pearson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. local time.

Stacy Martindale from the IN Department of Environmental Management gave a presentation on the new Indiana "CLEAN" Program (Comprehensive Local Environmental Action Network). This program is administered by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and was launched on August 6, 2004. [Handout]

Jamie Palmer from the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment led a discussion on the various data sets being utilized to report land use trends in Indiana. The Data Working Group, coordinated by the Indiana Land Resources Council (ILRC), is preparing a report that will explain the different methodologies and resulting information from the Natural Resource Inventory, the Census of Agriculture and the IUPUI Land Cover Data (developed in cooperation with the ILRC). The report should be final by early December. [Handout]

As a follow-up to the data discussion, the council suggested that a focused project be developed at the county level that would provide greater detail regarding land use trends. Dr. Eric Kelly suggested contacting David Schoen, Director of the Intergraph Center of Excellence in the Mapping Sciences at Ball State University. Ball State has been working with Shelby County to develop a countywide GIS system and this work could provide the foundation for this project.

The council asked that Dr. John Ottensman provide an update on "luci2", the newest version of the land-use computer model, at the November 30th meeting.

Jamie Palmer presented the recommendations of the Rural Wastewater Task Force to the Land Resources Council. After discussion, Eric Kelly motioned to move forward with these recommendations “with flexibility”. Sam Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. [Handout]

Riely O’Connor moved and Eric Kelly seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on May 25, 2004 and July 27, 2004. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Eric Kelly presented a Memo to the Land Resources Council, dated October 26, 2004, expressing questions and concerns regarding the Smart Growth outline that has been discussed in previous meetings. After discussion, the council agreed by consensus that the concept was good. The outline is a concept document that is intended to create a framework for discussion. Dr. Kelly agreed to continue working on this concept and will communicate with Joe Tutterrow between council meetings in an effort to clarify the direction and strategy. [Handout]

Laura Larimer, Chief Information Office for the State of Indiana, and Jill Saligoe-Simmel, Chair of the Indiana Geographic Information Council, presented an overview and update of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Indiana.

Harrison County Planning Director Eric Wise participated via conference call in a discussion about Farmland Protection. Mr. Wise has been a participant on the Farmland Protection Working Group of the ILRC and has provided considerable input regarding local (county) needs and direction. [Handout]

The Brownfields discussion was postponed until the November 30th meeting.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. local time.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Tutterrow
Executive Director, Indiana Land Resources Council